



The Empowerment Project

ATTORNEY GENERAL LYNN FITCH

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A Note from AG Lynn Fitch

Two years ago today, the Supreme Court overturned *Roe v Wade* with this important reminder: “Abortion presents a profound moral question. The Constitution does not prohibit the citizens of each State from regulating or prohibiting abortion. *Roe* and *Casey* arrogated that authority. We now overrule those decisions and return that authority to the people and their elected representatives.”

As we celebrate the second anniversary of this landmark decision, our mission remains clear: to advocate for and support women so that they and their children can thrive. Our job did not end when *Roe* was overturned, rather it started a new chapter. That is what my Empowerment Project is about:

- Making quality childcare more affordable and accessible,
- Promoting workplace flexibilities,
- Improving child support enforcement,
- Fixing broken foster care and adoption systems, and
- Giving young mothers the resources, upskilling, and support they need for a healthy, flourishing family.

We have been blessed in Mississippi where the Legislature has worked with us in the past two legislative sessions to pass a dozen pieces of legislation from my Empowerment Project agenda. And now I am excited to share a recent victory in court that will help, too. This month, Louisiana Attorney General Liz Murrill and I secured a preliminary injunction against the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission’s (EEOC) attempt to undermine the protections of the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act.

The bipartisan Pregnant Workers Fairness Act is an important measure to support and protect women in the workplace when they are pregnant and postpartum, ensuring that they receive essential accommodations like adequate seating, bathroom and water breaks, and relaxed dress codes. Yet the Biden administration is shortchanging the needs of these working women in their attempt to undo the *Dobbs* decision and overrule the right of the people to make decisions about abortion policy. With our injunction, the Biden Administration effort is at least stopped temporarily.

Our journey to defend the dignity of women, children, and life itself is far from

over. We can and will do more to empower women and their families in the years to come - but I am encouraged by the progress we have made in two years. I have been proud to stand with you in the fight to get here and I will be proud to stand with you as we continue to build the framework for the life movement.

May God Bless You,



WHAT WE'RE READING

WKYT: 50th Safe Haven Baby Box Surrender in the US Happens in Montgomery County

“It was the first time it had been used since its dedication on April 4. Montgomery County Judge-Executive Chris Haddix had an emotional response. ‘What do you say in a moment like this? You know? I want to say thank you to the mother that made a tough decision,’ Haddix said.

Luke Neltner, a part-time firefighter and EMT for the Montgomery County Fire Department, was the ambulance driver for the surrendered baby. It gives that baby a chance, Neitner said. ‘I don’t know what the parents are going through, and nobody will ever will.’”

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Federal Judge Sides with MS and LA to Protect Strong Accommodations for Pregnant Workers

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ATTORNEY GENERAL LYNN FITCH IN THE NEWS

Magnolia Tribune: Biden's Title IX Expansion Blocked by Federal Judge

“For more than fifty years, Title IX has given girls an opportunity to compete on a level playing field and offered them a fair chance to excel. This injunction is a victory for girls across Mississippi,” **Attorney General Fitch said.** “I am proud to stand with my colleagues from Louisiana, Idaho, and Montana as we fight against the Biden administration’s extremist political agenda and protect women’s privacy, safety, and opportunity.”

WTVA: Mississippi attorney general launches next phase of anti-

human trafficking campaign

“Mississippi’s attorney general launched the third phase of her “Be The Solution” campaign. Republican **Attorney General Lynn Fitch** held an event on Monday in Tupelo. It is a statewide education and awareness campaign to help Mississippians identify, report, and end human trafficking. The third phase focuses on medical, mental health, and child advocacy.”

WAPT: 'Operation Unified' Making Progress in Jackson

“We are stronger if we have first responders prepared. Prosecutors, we are all working together. See? That is why this summit is so important: for us to be together,” **Fitch said.**

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